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MUSEUM OF MODERN ART RE-OPENS THURSDAY, MAY 1

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, will re-open the Seurat exhibition to the public at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, and will remain open every evening, except Sundays, until 10 p.m. The exhibition, installed in newly designed first floor galleries, will remain on view through May 11. It will be followed by the other loan show at the Museum at the time of the fire, paintings and drawings by Juan Gris, which will remain on view through May.

Lunch, tea and dinner will be served in the Garden restaurant overlooking the Sculpture court which will be lit with Japanese lanterns. Twenty-five hundred red tulips, planted last fall, are now in bloom under the birch trees beside the reflecting pools.

Included in the Seurat exhibition is the famous <u>La Grande Jatte</u> which can be lent only once by its owner, the Chicago Art Institute, according to the ter. of the donor's bequest in the 1920's.

Although the fire was confined to the Museum's second floor, which had been closed to the public for a week while air conditioning improvements were underway, the other galleries, including the Auditorium gallery, first and third floors have been dismantled and will be redesigned with fireproof, movable partitions.

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